

and before this, that agriculture isn't understood, that we've talked but we're not understood, that we can't pass on, that we can't do this and we can't do that, there's a general feeling among many that with the...based on probably federal farm policy that agriculture is a welfare issue in addition to that, and if you don't believe it, I heard it this morning on the radio again. The facts are that we've got to do something because I'm not going to take out my frustration and put everything back on. I will not go that far. And I think that's the way we're going to head if we don't do something to work this out. Now many have talked about last Thursday and Friday that there was an effort to work it out and I understand it fell apart. I'm going to oppose Senator Rod Johnson's suspension of the rules even though I applaud him for what he's trying to do because I would prefer to do his way too. But he admitted he doesn't have replacement revenue and I think our responsibility, too, is to the State of Nebraska and its budget. And if we're going to take away \$14 million in sales tax revenue, we have an obligation to replace that some way. Senator Johnson admitted to that. Unless he can come up with something better that everyone will agree with, I have to be committed to the compromise amendment signed by Senator Warner. I, too, signed on that. I know many of you are frustrated, not only with having to losing the sales and income tax proposal, not only with the 3-R proposal, but you're frustrated with me too, because I'm seeing us caving in. But I said my bottom line is that I cannot see going to putting everything back on. And those of you in rural districts as well as some of mine are going to be even more affected than the larger cities are going to be affected. The larger the company, the more effect they have of moving around their warehouses or whatever. They will be able to avoid, to a large degree, the inventory tax and some other things, legitimately. I'm not castigating them. But you take feedlots in Nebraska with the inventory of cattle, several million on feed, those are already being planned to move or they're going to move. And I had calls over the weekend along those lines too. So I think we have to do a responsible thing and try hard for a compromise. And I think this could be the day for it. And I know some of you are going to have a hard time doing that. But I would just ask you to think about it as we move through this morning, do you really want to take not only the chance but the strong possibility that everything will go back on if we don't arrive at a sensible conclusion and we only have, really, six or seven days to work it out for a constitutional amendment. I realize that's at risk too. I